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Sepak teams eye gold rush

TWO OF SEVEN TAGALOG TEAMS FEEL THEY can win one of the six gold medals to be handed out in the 2002 Southeast Asian Games.

Philippine Amateur Sepak, Salazar Amateur president Marco Tanchangas said the Filipino team has not to expect the best teams would they were in the Vietnam SEA Games two years ago.

Sepak, a popular sport in this side of the world, will be held in Cebu, with traditional good powerhouses Thailand, Malaysia and Myanmar also vying for Philippine acquisition. The NF Sepak team is using seven to 11 as its center-piece and women's keep-one and women's keep-two and women's keep-three are also expected to win.

THE Basketball Association of the Philippines will take the basketball side to the next level by filing a complaint against the leaders of the Philippine Olympic Committee, according to a statement sent to media on Oct. 30, yesterday, their vice president. Oliver Tan, and deputy vice president Angelito Alcaraz, and vice president a Manila resident of Total Games today against POC president Jose "Peping" Caguioa; and Robert Arenal, and secretary general Jose Tanchangas.

The complaint says both began to get a favorable response from the court to file a case to force the POC to re-evaluate the BAP into the local Olympic movement and possibly hold the basketball side in the coming Southeast Asian Games.

Basketball is set to be contested in this year's edition of the SEA Games, which the country will host from Nov. 27 to Dec. 3, after the international basketball team from Indonesia and representing the Philippines from basketball and taking part in any international event is a teaming. (Inquirer, 30-31, 30-31)

Alaska tests 'new' Red Bull



ALL-STAR starting guard Mike Carter is expected to be in top condition for his team's rematch with Red Bull.

RED BULL WAS NEVER a contender in pre-season tournaments. All games from the conference, the Red Bull team was the favorite.

"They thought we'd be the dark horse but with the way they have been winning games, they're not the 'dark horse' and Alaska took the crown."

Team coach Alvin, who was among the top coaches in the league, said the Red Bull team is the best team in the league. He said the team is the best team in the league.

After winning the title, Red Bull is now the favorite to win the championship. The team is now the favorite to win the championship.

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to their first meeting two months ago.

After three, Red Bull was only the second team to play the game in the first round.

"It's going to be a great matchup and we want to get back to work," said Coach. Mike Carter, who suffered an ACL on his right knee, got a much-needed rest during the offseason break while Red Bull is again expected to be in top form after winning the championship.

"It will be an emotional match, highlighted by the memory of their spectacular loss to Q, which was a disappointment to fans and players."

With a goal to win the game, Red Bull defender Tony Alcaraz will work on a solid strategy to win the game and win the championship.

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Tierro claims Olivarez Cup

REBEKAH AGUIRRE TURNED BACK FELIX DAVIS Cup (renewed) today, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2, in the semi-final. Davis of the Olivarez Open Tennis Championships in Pasadena.

"This was a good experience for the young Felix Davis. He's a good player and he's a good player. He's a good player and he's a good player."

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Greenpeace ship damages coral reef, pays up today

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machines have ended up seriously damaged some damage them.

The accident happened Monday when the international group's flagship, the Rainbow Warrior II, ran aground at the Balabac Reef National Marine Park, a World Heritage site of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) off Palawan in the Sulu Sea.

The 30-meter shipwrecked on a reef formation, damaging an area totaling 32 meters by 2 meters of the 100 and 100 square-meter reef, said a joint statement issued by Greenpeace and the Palawan Management Office (PMO).

TMO assessed the damage at \$1.688 (\$6,637).

"The good thing with Greenpeace is that they have the value of those coral reefs and they were prepared to pay for the damage," TMO manager Angelique Sengco told the Inquirer in a phone interview yesterday.

Greenpeace was the first group of environmental advocates to cause damage under reef, but previous equipment had been found by marine scientists before, Sengco said.

Inaccurate chart

The machines shown held by Greenpeace mariners indicated that the Rainbow Warrior was with 3.4 km away from the reef when the ship ran into the reef's wall.

The chart was the latest issued by the National Mapping and Hydrographic Information Institute but



Submarine reef National Mapping Hydrographic Information Institute shows the location of the Rainbow Warrior II shipwreck.

was apparently not accurate, Sengco said.

"We were all really upset at the accident. It was a really bad thing that happened," he said. "Greenpeace has been doing marine conservation work in a phone interview."

"The accident obviously had avoided if the chart was accurate. We had expected, however," he said, "This incident is a very regrettable. It is not the damage would be repaired today."

Both Greenpeace and TMO refused requests to do the "before" the accident image and provide machine charts to avoid similar accidents.

"We appreciate the work that Greenpeace continues to do for the environment. We can appreciate the immediate action they took to get the bill assessment of

the damage," Sengco said.

No excuse

However, he said the situation may not be as simple as it seems. "There's something, provide all the information," he said.

The grounding did not cause any major damage to the ship's hull, but it did cause damage to the ship's equipment. The ship's own rubber boots, which had been used to avoid damage, and it required more damage, an AFP photographer stated the ship.

Some 11 divers from Greenpeace and the media proceeded with their mission 30 minutes after the grounding.

The good news from Greenpeace is that climate change has not caused the grounding of the



THE FLAGSHIP of Greenpeace, the Rainbow Warrior II, sank into Puerto Princesa, Palawan, accidentally runs about after some environmental activists.

Local activists

"Obviously there was no coral bleaching. I don't mean all beautiful and healthy. This should show people what we stand to lose if we don't do anything about global warming," Greenpeace said.

Campaign for clean energy

The Rainbow Warrior II arrived at the convention at the middle of the Sulu Sea, about 300 km south of Manila, but was not part of a two-month Pacific campaign to promote a marine skill center, renewable energy. The expedition is the last part of Greenpeace's efforts to document what it calls global warming process. It was

intended to give green energy in the form of local fuels for energy but led to a rise in ocean temperatures which is destroying coral reefs.

Originally built in Britain in 1977 as a ocean power plant, the ship, the Rainbow Warrior II was sold to French agents in 1985 to be used as a mobile office in the Pacific. It was used to mark a French nuclear test.

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Enrile firm allowed to resume logging in Samar

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Forest protection

Enrile, the third largest island in the country, is located in the Philippines. It is one of the poorest and most isolated islands in the country.

Factor's watch

The incident on logging, against the Department Secretary Palencia's order, should have been issued on May 30, 1999, in accordance with the law.

"The study having been completed, there were no more reasons to prohibit logging in the area of the forest," the order said.

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They find way to go up in house with no stairs

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UN demands Syria

UNITED NATIONS—THE SECURITY Council voted unanimously on Monday for a resolution ordering Syria to cooperate fully with a UN investigation of the assassination of a former Lebanese prime minister or face possible “further action.”

The chief UN investigator, German prosecutor Detlev Mehlis, already has named Syrian officials as suspects in the assassination in the plot to kill Rafik Hariri and 22 others in a Feb. 15 bombing in Beirut.

In a recent report, he said the killing was organized by Syrian security officials and their Lebanese allies.

“We have affirmed our just demands of the Syrian government—and made it clear that failure to comply with these demands will lead to serious consequences from the inter-

national community,” Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told the 15-member Security Council.

Unanimity was achieved in the Security Council after the United States, Britain, sponsors of the resolution, pushed the last minute to drop an explicit demand for economic sanctions against Syria. Russia, China and Algeria were expected to abstain, diplomats said.

Instead, the resolution warns Syria “could consider further action” if it does not meet demands in the resolution. The council is ordering Damascus to detain those who Mehlis wants to question. Mehlis is expected to return to Beirut to continue his investigation.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Shara sharply criticized Mehlis, saying his country without due process.

White House plays down revamp calls

WASHINGTON—THE WHITE House on Monday played down calls for a staff shake-up after the indictment of Vice President Dick Cheney’s former top aide, Lewis Libby, who will make his first court appearance this week on criminal charges stemming from a CIA-leak probe.

At his arraignment on Thursday, Libby, Cheney’s longtime chief of staff, is expected to plead innocent to charges of obstructing justice, perjury and making false statements.

Top White House aide Karl Rove, who remains under investigation in the probe, received a word of confidence from the White House amid Democratic calls for his resignation.

“He continues to do his duties,” White House spokesperson Scott McClellan said of Rove, Bush’s top political adviser and deputy chief of staff. When asked if Bush retained confidence in Rove, McClellan said: “People who work here at the White House have the confidence of the president.” Members of both parties have urged Bush to shake up his White House staff. *Reuters*

Canada detects flu virus in wild

OTTAWA—THE H5 AVIAN INFLUENZA virus has been found in wild migratory birds in Canada, officials said Monday, but it is unlikely the deadly H5N1 strain threatening Asia and Europe and there is no threat to human health.

The virus, whose subtype must still be determined, was detected in 28 ducks in the eastern province of Quebec and five in Manitoba in central Canada out of approximately 4,800 samples, said Jim Clark of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

“These findings do not indicate that we are dealing with a virus strain capable of causing significant illness. The evidence we’ve observed strongly indicates that these healthy birds were not infected with the same virus that is currently present in Asia,” Clark said during a press conference.

The H5N1 bird flu virus has killed more than 60 people and prompted the culling of 140 million birds in Asia in the past two years.

In a statement, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said the birds tested in the national survey were healthy, and there was “no

evidence of illness in the birds,” it said. The virus was found in the v. Mehlis, the c. may ly id cause to is samp. Th look may avian H5 a comi duce. “T fluen cials vario been over. “It the a new wide form amor worl even said.

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Can spirit of the dead haunt killers of Ramos?

IN MEMORIAM

Nana Mining: Ilocos Norte's 'angel of mercy'

By Cristina Arzozon
Aging City

By Jo Martinez-Cameros
San Andres Laguna, Ilocos City

CANDLES WERE LIT on the spot where Hacienda Labura Ilocos leader Ricardo Ramos was murdered on Oct. 28 in Benguet City. A group of his family members were there to pay tribute to him.

Among Catholics, lighting candles in such spots and holding prayer vigils and masses are means to help the dead as he goes into the afterlife, but in some cases, it is a tradition that is passed on.

Placing candles atop a coffin, on the other hand, is a tradition that is passed on from one generation to another, especially when a man's remains have yet to be identified.

The candle lighting, which is a tradition in some parts of the Philippines, is a tradition that is passed on from one generation to another, especially when a man's remains have yet to be identified.



TO LIGHT his passing into the afterlife, relatives and friends of Hacienda Labura Ilocos leader Ricardo Ramos light up candles at the place of his murder.

In a country where justice for the slain of Ramos, president of the General Association of Ilocos Labor Union (GALI), is hard to come by, this custom is more than a religious act, but a prayer for justice.

Ramos' widow Lily and their three children, and hundreds of farm workers in Benguet, Ilocos and other parts of the Philippines, where he worked as a housekeeper, will have Ramos' remains laid to rest in a cemetery in Benguet.

He would also tell his children to prepare themselves for the future.

"One can only hope that he will be able to tell his children that he is proud of them," Lily said.

With this regular "candle lighting" ceremony, Lily hopes to keep the memory of her husband alive.

For this, Lily said, she had to be in Benguet during the day. She said she had to be in Benguet during the day. She said she had to be in Benguet during the day.

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- The City Government of Malabon through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites all interested suppliers, dealers, distributors and contractors to apply for eligibility and to submit bids for the acquisition and delivery of one (1) set of land leveling and leveling with an Approved Budget of the Contract of three million pesos, Philippine currency (P3,000,000.00).
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READY TO FLY
 A group of people, including children, are gathered around a large, dark, rectangular object, possibly a coffin, in a rural setting. Some people are sitting on the object, while others stand around it. The scene appears to be a funeral or a religious ceremony.

Cebu archbishop calls for prayer to stop bird flu

By Christian F. Aguirre

CEBU ARCHBISHOP RICARDO CARDINAL VIALI is asking the faithful to seek divine intervention to prevent the deadly bird flu virus that has killed at least 62 people in Asia from arriving in the country.

VialI is expressing a series of fears recently that are expected to fuel a huge number of Catholics under his archbishopric to keep the country safe from the contagious disease.

The Department of Health has been warned it was only a matter of time before avian influenza, particularly the deadly H5N1 virus, would arrive because of the regular shipment of birds to the Philippines during the cold period from October to February.

For 50 years, a prayer rite for this, "VialI told reporters in an interview. "But it is not only that (that) that's not the last time we'll see it."

There's nothing to be done in Cebu but in the neighboring province of Iloilo, especially in Iloilo City, the Catholic and other Christians were asked when they returned to their homes to pray for the Philippines.

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ROUNDUP

Picking of candies banned



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Floods sink Laguna town

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Class members hunted for cap's stay

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Longer holiday in ARMM

CEBU ARMM—The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) will enjoy a longer holiday. The holiday will be longer. The holiday will be longer.

Talks for release of major held by NPA rejected

CAMP (LNU, MANILA)—AN Army general has rejected the demand of the National Democratic Front to release its military operations in Central Luzon. The general has rejected the demand of the National Democratic Front to release its military operations in Central Luzon.

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'Coffin capital' of Central Luzon dying

By Tonette Ordoña
 PNA General Luzon Desk

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METRO

Editor: Ben C. Diogenes

This is your last issue:
Metro is being merged with the Philippine Daily Inquirer on Nov. 2, 1994.



IN GOOD COMPANY

FEELING good at home, this visitor speaks the English with her friends at the Garden of the Gods in Marikina City.

This Christmas,
make a wish
and watch it come true.

No OBR on Sundays?

By Tere K. Quintanilla

THE METROPOLITAN AREA COMMISSION (MACEC) is considering the suspension of the proposed free-flowing traffic on highways.

MACEC Traffic Operations Committee director Agustin Weyl de Dios pointed out that Sunday was a day for the commuters to relax.

"This operation shall decide how many lanes to dispatch on this day. They would not want to limit many lanes, and have no reason," said the traffic chief, in an interview Monday.

The MACEC suspends the number of lanes for the motor vehicles on weekends, when there would be no heavy traffic.

The number of lanes would be kept open on the weekend depending on the last day of the week.

Implemented two weeks ago, the OBR (one-way road) was a trial of a controlled traffic, depending on the number of commuters on the road in a given time.

The scheme, introduced in 2001, aimed to ease traffic flow on highways by reducing bottlenecks.

By reducing the number of lanes on the street and maintaining passenger traffic, the OBR was expected to result in savings and more income for the operators.

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The implementation of the OBR

was suspended on the first day of its implementation.

The scheme was also suspended from last Sunday until Monday on account of the long weekend on the anniversary of the late President Corason.

Weyl de Dios said MACEC Chair Ramon Bernal wanted the OBR suspended on Sundays.

"To break our new traffic plan into a year," he added.

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'Tiangge' goes to cemetery

By Tina C. Santos
and Joseph R. Uy

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For the third year in a row, Marikina, N. C., citizens, with their organizations, including the city, and its neighbors, joined in the tiangge sale on the main market in Marikina City.

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MARIKINA (left) and Calabarzon just being true to their word.

Tribute to Navotas cops

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All set for Parañaque fiesta

A HISTORICAL FIESTA, 1994, was scheduled in Parañaque City to highlight the major accomplishments of the city government.

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On Nov. 20 at 10 AM, the city government, in the streets of Parañaque, will be the highlight of the day.

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Business

BOTIKA NG BAYAN CHAIN

P30-M fund set up for drugstore program

By Samuel M. Dominguez

THE GOVERNMENT has established a P30-million fund to offer to encourage small drug stores to be part of the nationwide Botika ng Bayan chain where medicines are sold at low prices.

Andrew M. Panglossman, chief and president of the Philippine National Trade

ing Corp., said PTC had signed an agreement with the government-run Small Business Corporation and Ministry Corp. (SMC) to implement the Botika ng Bayan program.

Panglossman said the P30-million fund is renewable every year and that it was now open for qualified drugstores that must be part of the Botika ng Bayan network.

"For this project, SB Corp. is operating under financial undertaking—the P30-million fund for existing and new drugstores and the P30-million fund for drugstores already operating for at least a year," he said.

"This is an important break-through in helping new and existing small drug stores to be part of the Botika ng Bayan chain," he said.

He PTC chief said.

The Botika ng Bayan program is aimed at making available essential medicines at affordable prices to the poor people.

"Giving our small business entrepreneurs attractive financing plans would definitely boost the government's drive to make the program as many qualified retailers as possible," Panglossman said.

Under the agreement, small-term financing of three to five years would be given to applicants, which is considered an improvement over the prevailing two- to three-year terms extended to other small and medium enterprises.

The minimum loanable amount is P200,000 and the maximum is P5 million. PTC would endorse and

guarantee the loans or existing small drugstore companies already existing who are qualified to receive the loans.

Panglossman said that as of PTC has organized a network of at least 400 drugstores nationwide.

He hoped to have at least 1,500 drugstores in the Botika ng Bayan program by the end of the year.

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Mekeni gears for export of meat products

By Christine Gayson

FOOD MANUFACTURING, MEKONI FOOD Corp. prepares to enter the export market with an investment of P20 million in the expansion of its manufacturing facility in Pangasinan.

Mekoni Food plans to export within 15 months to various countries, such as Hong Kong and Taiwan, in the Middle East region, according to Mekoni vice president for finance and administration Francisco S. Garcia in an interview.

"We have had sales over the last six months with the export market for possible entry to the Middle East, particularly to the Philippines in Dubai," he said. "We're in the quality is concerned, it is at par with international levels. We have obtained a good quality P20 million investment fund from the bank."

It recently obtained the loan from the Philippine Agricultural Bank, Department of Agriculture's National Meat Inspection Service.

He said the company's main goal is to look for customers in enough to deliver 10,000 tons of meat products a day.

"We will have in the next six months, because (plan to) deliver a minimum of 20 tons a week," said Garcia.

Mekoni, a medium-sized meat processor with a plant in Pangasinan, Pangasinan, will produce meat products that are cheaper than those produced by most of its competitors.

In total exports would increase company sales by 10 to 15 percent next year.

"This year's sales target could exceed the P500-million target. Hopefully, in the coming two months, we can achieve that," said Garcia.

Boracay taxes rising, BIR says

By Patricia V. Ramos

MANILA CITY—THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE has reported a substantial increase in the tax collected from businesses in their key island, reflecting a continued pick-up in economic activity in the popular tourist destination.

Revenue authorities of BIR said the increase in tax collection was also partly attributed to the heightened monitoring of the tax compliance of businesses there, including tourists and restaurants.

The BIR's Manila office said that as of Dec. 31, the revenue district office of Manila, 46, has, which covers Boracay collected P262.12 million in taxes, of which P11.58 million came from businesses in Boracay.

Liliana Magana Gadda, revenue district office of Manila, said the collection from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 this year collected a 18-percent increase over last year.

She said 2005 would be the second consecutive year that the BIR would be recording higher collections from businesses in Boracay.

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She said the BIR office in Boracay made a commitment and easy for businesses to pay their taxes.

Gadda added that the establishment of the BIR headquarters in Boracay took away the burden of going over the island from regular a business or person.

"We expect to further increase our tax collection from Boracay," Gadda said, noting her office plans to further improve tax collection in the province.

Over time, the Department of Tourism showed that tourist arrivals in Boracay has been rising in recent years.

Boracay in 2000 reached 199,200, rising to 428,731 in 2003.

LIFE STYLE

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HALLOWEEN HANGOVER

We can't get enough of Halloween. The costumes, the ghost stories, the candy—we love it. ZLJ returns in Halloween mode this week. Scary bits.

people spilling their deepest fears. 10 terrifying scenarios we don't want to see, music to listen to and graphic novels to read to put you in a spooky mood. We've

even thrown in a little magic for you. Yes, every day can be Halloween—if you want it to be.



ZBL'S GLOOM AND DOOM LIST FOR 2005

TOP 10 SCARIEST SCENARIOS

By Angela Y. Igarashi

ZBL Correspondent

WITH ALL THE BAD STUFF that's already happening nowadays, you might be thinking, heck, what's the worst thing that could happen?

Also, ZBL presents the top 10 scariest scenarios that will make you pray tomorrow that the lottery had been so, the dead walking the earth—don't be the last of your species.

10. **Countdown and countdown between now, it never fails to amaze me how a random, peaceful atmosphere can instantly turn into a giddy freak show of traffic jams, road, gambling tables and more, proud food. Come on, if I'm wrong, but I'm pretty sure that this holiday was intended to honor the dead, not define their graves. A few moments of every hour, people—hey, it's not really scary, placed in nothing.**

9. **More skeletons rolling in the dead, bones like we're being bombarded with as many shocking revelations as they are another that the word "skeleton" is hardly efforts anyone to define themselves. It's another word meaning it's a book of terrible basketball players, all I can say is come out, come out, wherever you are.**

8. **Pyrexia is officially declared the English Winner of the World. You only have to smell it to believe it, forget tomorrow—we've got our own little word of such right here. Pyrexia would mean when we're close to death in our own HDA? "Miser" sometimes have already claimed the lives of several people, and pretty soon the world and the future will eventually make their way into our vision, only later known, time you a scary grave anyone.**

7. **Isolate boundaries go into a headlong, so far, there have been no changes in the boundaries, but they had dodged. PDA's open on to us and we are already holding in Michigan, PDA's the holiday rush just a hair's breadth away to wonder the government has so reliably tried to control the little world. But upon that, there's no need come for panic, but not.**

6. **Dead, by water here. (Major relief are supposed to be possible, but not in this country. That was the day back position and religion overpowered their friends. Not only have people been raised again from the face of the water, but the whole nation also witnessed how instantly they were raised, the stage of life.)**

5. **PDA's ghost walk from himself in the "walking" world. "Walking" means, in our case, will be get to hell, but promise this Halloween? After the complete "step" of our PDA's walk in the PDA world, it will only take one more from beyond the grave to lift the dampened spirit (as intended) of PDA's supporters. In the case of safety and water (if that's even possible, let's say PDA's really walking again).**

4. **The PDA's walk again, sorry to put a damper on your weekend spirit, but, but I believe that tomorrow your intention, possibly those of you who have paying off down. These games with your weekend you are, first you to introduce your vehicle and reliability, and take you in a moment place when they abandon you in your hands. They're not picky with their targets, having played on late drives, hand in hand (and hand-drawn) can allow. But, they're known to hang around in places like Venice, Mexico, Illinois and (Gordon) American, water source.**

3. **Epidermis spread worldwide. "Glo" doesn't like danger and had the have used to raise the mortality rate to almost impossible, with new and historical states popping up and down (as even as we speak, if this keeps up, we won't be able to find a more**



The Dark Knight as a rookie

'Batman: The Long Halloween'
Written by Jeph Loeb
Illustrated by Tim Sale

By Adrian Dy
2001 Correspondent

IT BEGINS ONE HALLOWEEN with the murder of a mob prince in his bath, with only a carved pumpkin and a spent pistol left behind as clues. After one long year and 20 more dead bodies with accompanying holiday-themed mementos, the killer is caught. Or so Batman thinks.

You'll have to cut him some slack. You see, this all happened in his rookie year.

Compilation

'The Long Halloween' is a compilation of the 13-issue mini-series by the Eisner Award-winning team of Jeph Loeb and Tim Sale. For one year, the "Holiday Killer," as he was dubbed, terrorized Gotham City with a series of violent murder sprees during each major holiday of the month (New Year's Eve, Father's Day, etc.), leaving Batman, the police and, in a memorable sequence, the Riddler, strapped as to his identity.

Up until the time *'The Long Halloween'* was published, Batman comics largely focused on the Caped Crusader's swashbuckling and glamo-loving personality aspects (the Shark Repellent anyone?).

'The Long Halloween' turned that on its ear by shining the spotlight on a Batman who was a detective first and a superhero second. Jeph Loeb, who went on to write scripts for the TV show *'Smallville'*, captured the unsung Dark Detective perfectly. Much like in the movie *'Batman Begins'*, Batman here is still clumsily searching for allies in his quest against crime, and is even more down to earth than his cinematic alter ego, with only a grappling hook and some smoke bombs to speak of.

The memories of his murdered parents still weigh heavily on him as well, especially during Father's and Mother's Day. And if all that, coupled with the Holiday murders and the usual psychopathic antics of the Scarecrow, Poison Ivy and the Joker weren't enough, he still has to contend with his feelings for Catwoman, and must deal with the transformation of his friend from the mild-mannered District Attorney Harvey Dent to the villain known as Two-Face.



Shadowy atmosphere

All of this is captured perfectly by Tim Sale and colorist Gregory Wright in a washed-out, noir-like atmosphere that really lets you feel the drama of the story. No bright primary colors here. The combination of long shadows and a palette of dark colors help make this incarnation of Batman look more humane, especially when his cape seems to bleed into the night.

On the opposite side of the spectrum, his arch-enemies look more frightening and menacing. The best example of this would be Sale's rendition of the Joker, who, topped off with a Santa hat, has a maniacal grin that just screams evil.

'Batman: The Long Halloween' is definitely a must-have for any DC Comics lover. Mystery lovers will no doubt get a kick out of separating the clues from the red herrings as

they try to do Batman one better and figure out the identity of "Holiday" before he does.

Also included in the book are several deleted pages, so even if you have this story in single issues, the trade paperback is still worth picking up, if only for the alternate ending.

As for casual Batman fans, no question about it, this is something you should wish you'd dropped into your goodie bag this All Hallow's Eve.

Edgar Allan Poe

Based on a story by Edgar Allan Poe, *'The Thief of Always'* may have been written before his time, but it's a story that still resonates with Poe's spirit. The book is a classic reading tale you through the innocence and magic of childhood. Though the plot seems simple, its elements are striking and leave you awed. This not-so-ordinary children's story has many lessons to impart despite its edge creepiness.

'The Thief of Always' by Cive Barker

The gut: In the Holiday House, Harvey Swick discovers many wonders where seasons pass in a day and every night is Halloween. But something is not right in this magical place and Harvey vows to get to the bottom of it.

The stakes: Classic reading takes you through the innocence and magic of childhood. Though the plot seems simple, its elements are striking and leave you awed. This not-so-ordinary children's story has many lessons to impart despite its edge creepiness.

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NISCHA Barton in 'The Sixth Sense'



A girl wants the Mommy for herself. She leaves her Hello Kitty backpack lying around, misses the sleeping stage nursery and is in the middle of the night, as dark water drip from the ceiling and gets Cici in trouble by crying her at school. She ends up crying Cici in the bathroom when the door is shut, proof, of course, as Mommy cries helplessly. To save her daughter,



Mommy has to promise to be the ghost girl's mother... forever.

Veruca Salt in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

If she doesn't scare you, no evil thing will. Well, that's another character: fit this rich kid's a

very bad not indeed, pushing people around and expecting everyone to follow whatever little whim she has at the moment. Need proof? Well, refer to memorable lines such as "Daddy, I want another pony now," "Make time go faster," and "All I've got at home is two dogs and four cats and six bunny rabbits and two parrots and three canaries and a green parrot and a turtle and a bowl of

goldfish and a cage of white mice and a silly old hamster! I want a squirrel!"

Perhaps Mr. Wonka was right: Maybe she is a wast you get on the side of your butt. Let's hope she learned a thing or two from "The rather different set of friends" she had the privilege of being acquainted with at the chocolate factory.



Joy Division

The members of this group first got together in 1976. It was in 1978 that they renamed themselves Joy Division. The name comes from a book called 'The House of Dolls' and refers to women who were abused in Nazi concentration camps. The spirit of Joy Division's music borders on the

for 'Vampire'.

The Doors

The Doors cut through generations with its fusion of jazz, blues and rock 'n' roll. The band is best remembered for lead vocalist, Jim Morrison, with his sultry voice, charismatic performance, profane poetry and devilish looks. The Doors' spellbinding magic lies in the complexity of its compositions and the substance of its songs. The Doors had a distinct musical style that was ahead of its time, permanently sealing its place in the altar of popular culture. Discover just how powerful Jim Morrison's singing is in "The Best of The Doors" album. Be hypnotized by "The Crystal Ship," "Riders on the Storm" and "The End."

Joy Division

The members of this group first got together in 1976. It was in 1978 that they renamed themselves Joy Division. The name comes from a book called 'The House of Dolls' and refers to women who were abused in Nazi concentration camps. The spirit of Joy Division's music borders on the

dark and the chaotic. Listen to the album 'Substance' and feel how Ian Curtis is very much alive as he pleads and begs as you with each song of desperation, dilapidation and confusion. Apart from the album, seek, brood and lose yourself in "Heart and Soul," "No Love Lost," "Atmosphere" and "The Circle."

Sioxsie and the Banshees

This group began making music in 1976 to 1981 in an empty shed in the UK. Part of the original band included Sid Vicious of The Sex Pistols. Sioxsie Sioux is Susan Janet Ballion, notorious for her sense of fashion and distinct vocals. Sioxsie bewails you with her

imposing voice. She can soothe and lead you to the razor teeth of darkness. Sioxsie & The Banshees' unsettling lyrics and inventive sound are wonderful companions on nights when you feel like howling at the moon. Its albums are truly accessible. Look for a compilation of the band's best hits to arrive in varying styles. At night, blister your soul with these ballads: "Dust In Me," "Hall of Mirrors," and "The Sweetest Child."

Xymox

Also known as Clan of Xymox, the band originated from the Netherlands in 1983. It has been creating music for over 20 years. The blend of guitars, electronics and lyrics of shadowy blends transforms and animates the night. The sound is somewhere between Joy Division and Depeche Mode, an enticing merge full of mysterious appeal. Albums from this band are closer to find here, so perhaps you might consider file-sharing programs on the Web. Be warned by tracks like "Masquerade," "Medusa," "Tragicalion," "Sunrise and Rain," "Loudie" and "It's All a Lie."





2BU! SURVEY

What **Scares** you?

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HEAR, UNHEARD MONSTERS, restless ghosts and busy brains expect us, that is the following survey poses that great pumpkins come, we only have moments and ghosts, but should not everyday experiences.

I'm scared of screaming, maybe due to a car accident I had. —**William Chan, 21**, not afraid of roller.

I'm most scared of the death of a family member. —**Chris Rivera, 22**, not afraid of snakes.

Snakes and ghosts. —**Michael Mayagual, 22**, not afraid of being hit.

I'm scared of being spiders and ghosts. —**Kim, 22**.

Aside from snakes, I'm afraid of rou-

ge earthquakes like earthquakes. —**John Herrera, 24**, not afraid of eternally ringing gasoline prices.

I'm scared to disappoint my son. —**Joey**, not afraid of earthquakes.

I'm super scared of cockroaches, especially the flying ones. —**Anna, 23**.

Heights, and flying. That's why I'd rather take a trip in a boat vehicle when going to the places. —**Lyn Ramonita, 17**, wants to graduate college.

Change. I like things the way they are and I'm not sure I'll ever adapt to change. —**Rina Samadova, 11**, thinks she needs a better underwear.

I get really scared whenever I'm inside the mall and it's closing time already. My heart beats faster at that speed. I believe I'd get locked inside. —**Levy, 20**.

That I won't have enough time to do everything I want and accomplish all the

goals I've set for myself. —**Andres R., 19**.
Fishes. I don't want to kill because it's just disappointing when. —**Mike Parbona, 19**.

Being separated from loved ones. —**Blanca M., 21**.

Death. —**Robin, 26**.
The usual...ghosts, creepy creatures and those strange sounds during night time. —**Dan, 18**.

I'm scared of being rejected. —**Oliver, 22**.

Condemnation, even when I'm the one who's right. Most of the time, I'd just let things pass. I don't like looking red in the face to the attention of the people involved. —**Earl, 24**.

Unsettling things OK and it's not easy to have those are always present and try to everywhere. —**Larry, 17**.

Me. —**Paula R., 22**.



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TOP 10 SCARIEST SCENARIOS

Photo: [Name]

is time. In the meantime, you might want to read up on those about 1000 in the world's scariest scenarios.

1. **Manila Strait** finally came for north on the Philippines. How many times have you noticed that the earth would open up and swallow you? Well, be careful with what you notice. In fact, our extremely fortunate country has been swarmed by typhoons, hurricanes and earthquakes that are commonly nothing but a part of our very little planet, but it doesn't mean we'll be safe for long. In the meantime, let's see further discussion.

1. **The FVM** gets implemented, and soon everything will be too expensive to buy and everyone will eventually starve to death. Oh wait, this isn't already happening. May God help us all.

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